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Robin Griffin honored as Officer of the Year

RALEIGH — Robin Griffin, a chief probation/parole officer in Statesville, has been honored as a Department of Correction Officer of the Year for 2011.

Griffin is assigned to the Division of Community Corrections' District 22, where she has demonstrated outstanding leadership in her office, in the division and in her community.

As a new chief probation/parole officer last year, Griffin was challenged with filling six vacancies, and then preparing the new employees to be the best officers they could be. She met the challenge head-on, even though her office is split between two cities 14 miles apart.

Griffin's work ethic drives her to often arrive early and stay late at work, and to take calls at night and on weekends.

Meanwhile, Chief Griffin takes a direct interest in her officers' work, helping them hook up electronic house arrest monitors, riding with them on supervision calls, helping in searches and in numerous other probation duties. Her mantra is, "We are going to work this out, give 100%, remain positive and follow up."

Griffin served on the committees that planned and implemented Community Corrections' Evidence Based Practices case planning pilot projects.

She is an officer with the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and the Appropriate Punishment Options Board. In Iredell County, she spearheaded the Martin Luther King Jr. School Supplies Project.

The Department of Correction honored Griffin at a ceremony June 13 in Raleigh.

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